

SENATE BILL 1998

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54,  
relative to the department of transportation and  
bridge replacement programs for local  
governments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by  
adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 54-1-1\_\_\_. Whenever the department contracts with a political  
subdivision of the state to undertake a bridge replacement project under the federal BRZ  
(Bridge Off System) program or any other similar federal program which includes a  
requirement that the political subdivision fund a matching percentage of the costs of the  
project, the liability of such political subdivision for costs of the project shall be capped.  
If there are cost overruns on the project due to delays by the department in letting the  
construction contract, increases in the costs of raw materials, increases in right-of-way  
acquisition costs or any other reason that is not the result of an action of the political  
subdivision, the state shall be liable for any and all increased costs that exceed one  
hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the initial projected cost share of the political  
subdivision.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.